



Louisiana Milk Production Report

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This report contains the results from the quarterly *Milk Production Report*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/la>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for this survey.

Milk Production Down 27 Percent from Previous Quarter

Louisiana milk production during the July - September 2017 quarter was 32 million pounds, unchanged from the same period in 2016 but down 27 percent from the April - June 2017 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 12,000 head, unchanged from the same period last year and the previous quarter.

Milk production in the United States during the July - September quarter totaled 53.5 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from the July - September quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.40 million head, 4,000 head more than the April - June quarter, and 71,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production by Quarter, Louisiana, and U.S. 2015-2017

Item/Period	Louisiana				United States			
	2015	2016	2017	% Change from '16	2015	2016	2017	% Change from '16
Milk Cows¹	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1 st Quarter, January - March	14.0	13.0	12.0	-7.7	9,309	9,312	9,370	0.6
2 nd Quarter, April - June	14.0	12.5	12.0	-4.0	9,321	9,323	9,398	0.8
3 rd Quarter, July - September	13.0	12.0	12.0	-	9,315	9,331	9,402	0.7
4 th Quarter, October - December	13.0	12.0			9,321	9,344		
Milk Production²	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1 st Quarter, January - March	58	53	47	-11.3	51,936	52,998	53,568	1.1
2 nd Quarter, April - June	52	49	44	-10.2	53,720	54,331	55,314	1.8
3 rd Quarter, July - September	37	32	32	-	51,685	52,590	53,495	1.7
4 th Quarter, October - December	41	35			51,292	52,517		

¹ Average number for the period includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk nursed by calves.

**Milk Production: Louisiana and U.S.
July-September, 2008-2017**

